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Newtown. Funerals

▶ Veronika Pozner, right, mother of Noah Pozner, arrives for her son's funeral. Tiny caskets marked the first two funerals of massacre victims, which began yesterday. Students Noah Pozner and Jack Pinto, both 6, were laid to rest. {page 06}

Funerals begin yesterday for slain children in Connecticut

DA: No link between Reid's death, steroids

Investigators said anabolic steroids were found in Garrett Reid's room, but not his system ◗ Andy Reid and team claim that no players were involved {page 02}

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Where to dance, rock out and get your drink on

Looking back at 2012 with 12 great nightlife options {pages 12-13}

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Doing your hair doesn't have to take all night

A side-swept chignon is your last-minute salvation {page 18}

In the news

False alarm in school lockdown

A Montgomery County high school was briefly locked down yesterday after an umbrella was mistaken for a gun. Authorities at Upper Dublin High School said the incident started when school security saw four boys carrying what looked like a long gun over their shoulder and acting suspiciously. The "weapon" turned out to be an umbrella being used as part of a class project. METRO

In the news

Rapper's tour put on hold

A judge yesterday refused to lift a travel ban for 25-year-old rapper Meek Mill, aka Robert Williams, after he missed a mandatory court date in October. Williams claimed he was trapped in New York City due to Hurricane Sandy, but he was detained that night during a car stop in North Philadelphia. Williams was scheduled to go on tour. METRO

In the news

Josey

Trial date set for ex-cop charged in parade assault

PHILADELPHIA. A judge yesterday set a trial date in the case of former police Lt. Jonathan Josey, who is charged with assault for allegedly striking a woman during a Puerto Rican Day Parade celebration in September.

A video of Josey slapping 39-year-old Aida Guzman went viral after it was posted it on YouTube. The District Attorney in October dismissed disorderly conduct charges against the Chester woman, who was accused of spraying officers with liquid or silly string.

Josey, who was dismissed from the force following the incident, will face a nonjury trial on Feb. 12. He has retained defense attorney Fortunato Perri Jr. to plead his case.

METRO/AW

Car crashes into child care center

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Three children were hospitalized yesterday afternoon after an elderly driver slammed into a day care center, authorities said.

Police said the 83-year-old woman was driving near 21st Street and Lehigh Avenue around 1 p.m. when she accidentally hit the gas instead of the brakes, smashing through the glass doors of Deliverance Church and striking three juveniles attending a day care housed inside.

Two 5-year-old girls and one 4-year-old boy were taken to St. Christopher's Hospital for cuts and bruises, while the driver was taken to Temple University Hospital. Authorities said none of their injuries are life-threatening. METRO/AW

3 Day care children were hospitalized in the incident

One brother arrested in train shooting

One of two teenage brothers wanted in a shooting last week on a SEPTA elevated train has been arrested.

Eric Early, 16, was taken into police custody yesterday. Authorities said Early and his 18-year-old brother, Matthew Early, were involved in a dispute with two other passengers on the Market-Frankford El on Dec. 12 following the 76ers-Bulls game.

Eric

When the brothers stepped off the train at 46th and Market, authorities said one of them fired a shot into the train. The bullet struck one man in the left side and went through, striking the other man in the thigh.

Eric, of the 100 block of South 49th Street, is charged with aggravated assault and related offenses. Police are still looking for Matthew.

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Inquiry closed in Garrett Reid's death by overdose

Lehigh Valley's top prosecutor said they could not trace the source of the drugs Steroids were also found, but it is unclear for what purpose

Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli yesterday announced that the investigation into the heroin overdose death of Garrett Reid, son of Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid, has been closed.

Garrett Reid died of an accidental heroin overdose in a Lehigh University dorm room during training camp in August.

Police were looking into the overdose in an attempt to identify possible local suppliers of the drug, but Morganelli said that information did not emerge during a slew of interviews and a careful examination of Reid's cell phone records.

"At this point, it cannot be determined whether Mr. Reid obtained heroin here in the Lehigh Valley or brought it with him to training camp from elsewhere," Morganelli said.

Morganelli said one acquaintance who attempted to contact Reid in the hours before and after his death was interviewed. "It was a female friend and she was cooperative in terms of an interview," he said. "There was no evidence she had any involvement in terms of delivering illegal substances to Mr. Reid."

Morganelli also said that test results of 19 vials of an unknown substance found in Reid's room at the time of his death revealed they contained various anabolic steroids. "These substances were, however, not related to his death," he said.

Reid died Aug. 5.

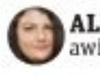
Nothing to do with the Eagles

While it's possible that Reid, who was working with team members on strength conditioning when he died this summer, could have been distributing the drugs to others, there is nothing to back up that claim, according to Morganelli.

"We cannot provide any evidence or substantiate that anyone from the Eagles organization was involved in this or whether it was for [Reid's] personal use — it was not determined," he said.

"It is possible it could have been a quantity that was subject for distribution, but what I am saying is I have no evidence there was distribution by Mr. Reid here or anywhere else."

Andy Reid in a statement further underscored that point. "I am confident that my son's decisions did not affect our football team in any way," he said.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Time line to a tragedy

- **Jan. 30, 2007.** A 23-year-old Reid was arrested for using heroin before running a red light and striking another driver. He was court-ordered into a substance abuse program, but sent back to jail several times for failing mandatory drug tests.
- **July 22, 2008.** Reid was sentenced to two years in rehab and three years of probation after he was caught smuggling 89 pain pills into prison.
- **Aug. 5, 2012.** Reid was discovered in his Lehigh University dorm room. Two empty wax packets believed to have contained heroin were found in his room, along with 65 needles, 47 syringes and 19 vials of an unknown liquid, according to authorities.
- **Oct. 18.** Northampton County Coroner Zachary Lysek announced that Reid died of an accidental heroin overdose.
- **Dec. 17.** Morganelli said that the content of the vials tested positive for steroids, but that the police investigation into Reid's death has been closed.

Lurie: No players have tested positive

Though investigators yesterday announced the discovery of steroids at Reid's time of death, authorities made no mention of the drug's presence in his body when they released a toxicology report determining his cause of death two months ago.

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie released a statement yesterday to dispel rumors that Garrett's possession of steroids could implicate any players. "The news today on Garrett Reid's possession of steroids is disappointing," he said, adding that the team will fully cooperate with any further inquiries. "The NFL has a rigorous drug testing program for its players," he said.

"It is a matter of record that none of our players has tested positive for any of the steroids mentioned in the district attorney's report."

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Train derailment to cost more than $700,000: report

The National Transportation Safety Board issued a preliminary report yesterday on the train derailment in Paulsboro, N.J., last month.

The report confirms much of the information previously released to the public but does not state the cause of the Nov. 30 crash over the Mantua Creek Bridge.

The report states that the maximum speed over the 160-foot bridge is 10 miles per hour, and that data shows the train was traveling at 7 miles per hour at the time of the incident. Investigators have previously said the conductor received permission to cross the bridge, which was closed.

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Local residents and the conductor were treated and released at nearby hospitals. Conrail's initial estimate of the damage was $721,114, which does not include environmental remediation.

Three of the cars contained vinyl chloride, and one contained ethanol. One of the cars containing vinyl chloride was breached, releasing approximately 180,000 pounds of vinyl chloride into the creek and surrounding area, the report said.

The final car containing vinyl chloride was removed from the creek Sunday.

Twenty-two local residents and the conductor were treated and released at nearby hospitals. Conrail's initial estimate of the damage was $721,114, which does not include environmental remediation, the report said.

The NTSB said the report is preliminary and will be supplemented or corrected during the investigation. Several civil suits have been filed.

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Tribute. Shooting

▶ The mural was done with the owner's permission.

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Wall dedicated to Sandy Hook

A popular North Philadelphia graffiti wall is emblazoned with a tribute to the victims of last week's school shooting in Newtown, Conn. The piece at 5th Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue is tagged "Dedicated to Sandy Hook Elementary School," where 26 people were killed on Friday. METRO

Two busted for imitating licensed dentist

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Two Delaware County women were charged with running an illegal dental operation out of a licensed dental office in Lower Merion Township, officials said.

Prosecutors said Cheryl Laing and Jessica Gullickson worked at Smilz 4 Life as a dental assistant and receptionist, respectively. After hours, Laing set up her own dental practice with Gullickson as her assistant and touted herself as a licensed dentist.

According to prosecutors, Laing charged uninsured patients drastically reduced prices and accepted cash only. Laing allegedly performed a wide range of procedures, including the dispensing of medications.

Laing and Gullickson are charged with corrupt organization, criminal conspiracy and theft by deception. Authorities are asking for any patients of Laing's to come forward.

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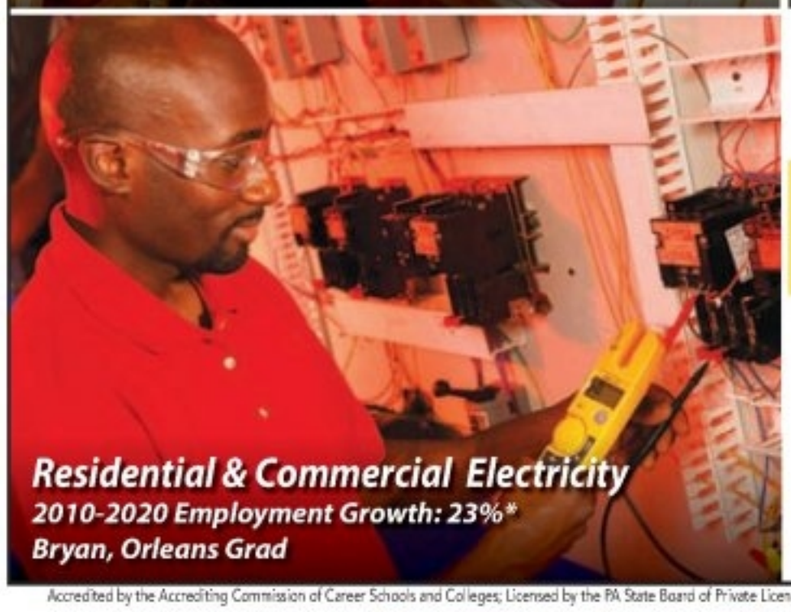

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The first Newtown funerals take place

Mourners in Newtown, Conn., headed for the first two of 20 funerals of schoolchildren massacred in their classroom as the rest of the nation anxiously sent children back to school yesterday with tightened security.

Within hours of the school day starting, lockdowns were declared in nearby Connecticut and New York towns. In New Jersey, one high school's morning announcements included an added warning not to let strangers into the building.

Newtown's schools remained closed yesterday, the first academic day since the 20-year-old gunman claimed 28 lives, including his mother's and his own.

Tiny caskets marked the first wave of funerals for the 20 children and six adults killed in the shooting rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Friday. Noah Pozner and Jack Pinto, both 6 years old, will be laid to rest on Monday afternoon.

Their funerals come a day after President Barack Obama visited Newtown to comfort the families. Obama's remarks were heralded on Monday morning by relatives of teacher Victoria Soto, 27, who was killed as she tried to protect her first-grade students.

"He really made us feel like she really was a hero and that everyone should know it," her brother, Carlos Soto, told "CBS This Morning."

All the dead children were 6 or 7 years old. The school principal of Sandy Hook Elementary, the school psychologist and four teachers were also gunned down.

Noah was the youngest victim of rampage, and his twin sister, Arielle, escaped unhurt. The family's rabbi has said he encouraged Noah's mother to focus on her other four children amid the grief.

Jack was a wrestler who loved sports. The New York Giants receiver Victor Cruz played Sunday's football game with the boy's name written all over his cleats and gloves. **REUTERS**

Still closed

Schools remained closed in Newtown as faculty members met to decide when they would open again. To keep children occupied on a drizzling Monday, youth sports groups set up an indoor field day with arts and crafts, athletics and board games.

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▶ A man speaks to his young son yesterday at the funeral for Jack Pinto, 6, one of the victims of the Dec. 14 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Conn.

School scares force some into lockdown mode

Cautious educators and police locked down schools at the first hint of trouble yesterday as nervous parents sent their kids back to school for the first time since the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Educators fearful of "copycats" or troublemakers who might phone in empty threats grappled with how to respond and whether to discuss Friday's shootings with children.

Safety was balanced against concerns over frightening children unnecessarily. Politicians debated whether to fortify schools with armed guards.

At least three school districts near Newtown went into lockdown yesterday after a citizen reported a "suspicious person" at a train station near an elementary school in Ridgefield, about 20 miles from Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The lockdown was lifted about two hours later. **REUTERS**

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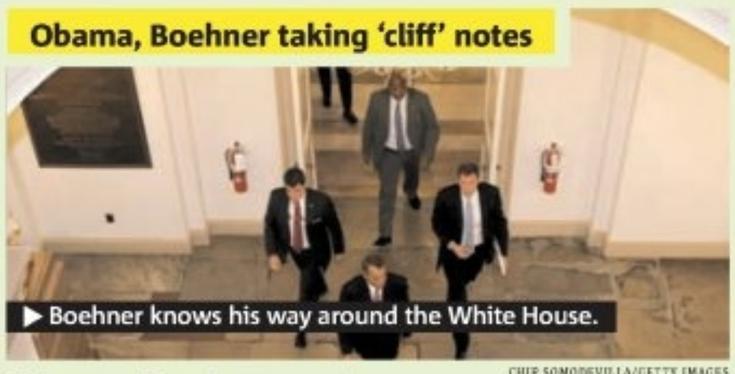
Cliff gets less steep; watch out for elephants

Obama, Boehner taking 'cliff' notes



▶ Boehner knows his way around the White House.

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Obama, Boehner 'cliff' meet again

President Barack Obama and top Republican John Boehner met at the White House yesterday as hopes rose that Washington will be able to head off steep tax hikes and spending cuts that could push the economy into recession next year.

The 45-minute meeting is a further sign that talks to avert the "fiscal cliff" could be yielding progress after weeks of stalemate, and aides from both parties said they were optimistic that a deal could be reached in coming days.

"We're getting close," said one Democratic aide who added, however, that a deal is not imminent.

Although both sides still had major differences, investors were cheered by signs of progress. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 0.95 percent at midday.

"The fiscal cliff is starting to get ironed out," said Frank Davis, director of sales and trading at LEK Securities. **REUTERS**

Home on the rage

Israel OKs 1.5K more settlement homes

Israel approved plans to build 1,500 more Jewish settler homes in east Jerusalem yesterday, an official said, days after provoking international protests against a project for another 3,000 such homes on land it captured in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Washington had condemned the latest plans, for ultra-Orthodox neighborhood Ramat Shlomo. Palestinians see the settlements as obstacles to achieving independent statehood. **REUTERS**

▶ Israel and Palestine

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Elephants gone wild

Nepal soldiers hunt for killer elephant

Soldiers in Nepal are on the hunt for a wild elephant after it strayed into villages in the southern part of the Himalayan nation and killed four people in three months, officials said yesterday.

The elephant walked into a thatched house in Gardi village adjoining Chitwan National Park, 50 miles south of Kathmandu on Saturday, pulled an elderly couple from bed and trampled them to death, said Shiva Ram Gelal, assistant district administrator from Bharatpur. **REUTERS**

Can we talk about this?

Iran: Stalemate on nukes must end

Iran's foreign minister said on Monday a way must be found to end the deadlock with major powers over its nuclear program, an Iranian news agency reported, but he offered no new initiative on how to achieve this. Ali Akbar Salehi's comments came ahead of an expected resumption of diplomacy, perhaps next month, aimed at preventing the decade-old nuclear dispute from degenerating into a Middle East war that could damage an already fragile world economy. Israel has threatened military action to prevent its arch-enemy from acquiring nuclear weapons. Iran denies any such goal. **REUTERS**

1 Israel is believed to be the region's only nuclear-armed power.

Don't try to 'friend' him

Iranian leader 'likes' Facebook

Facebook has an unlikely new member: Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Launched a few days ago, the Facebook page "Khamenei.ir" displays photographs of the 73-year-old cleric alongside speeches and pronouncements by the man who wields ultimate power in the Islamic Republic. While there are several other Facebook pages already devoted to Khamenei, the new one appeared to be officially authorized, rather than merely the work of admirers. Both U.S.-based social media sites are blocked in Iran by a wide-reaching government censor, but they are still commonly used by millions of Iranians. **REUTERS**

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Such was the size of the massive margherita made in Rome that the chefs had to bake the dough in 5,234 separate batches over a two-day period.

A quintet of specialist pizza chefs worked around the clock for 48 hours to create it.

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The massive margherita pizza covers nearly 13,000 square feet. It contains a whopping 19,800 pounds of flour and 8,800 pounds of tomato sauce. The pizza smashed the previous world record set in 1990 in South Africa, which measured 122 feet in diameter.

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- **5 tons** of tomato sauce. That's enough sauce for more than 11,330 servings of spaghetti bolognese.
- **1,488 pounds** of margarine.
- **551 pounds** of salt — more than 40,000 times an adult's recommended daily serving.
- **275 pounds** of parmesan cheese.
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EDUCATION TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT

Berkeley to give college scholarships to illegal immigrants

A $1 million gift will go to students who are not eligible for federal grants and loans Critics say such measures give false hope of legal employment

The University of California's Berkeley campus announced last week that a private foundation has given $1 million to fund scholarships for illegal immigrants.

The scholarships will go to nearly 200 students who are not eligible for federal grants, government-backed loans or work-study positions, the school said.

The Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, a private family foundation, provided the scholarship grant. It is the largest scholarship for undocumented immigrants ever given to a U.S. university, the foundation said.

"These motivated, hard-working and inspiring students are an asset to our state and our country," the fund's president, Ira Hirschfield, said in a statement. "Now that it's legal to do so in California, we encourage other foundations and private donors to consider providing funding to help undocumented students achieve their potential."

Quoted

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HIRSCHFIELD

Higher education has become a battleground in the nation's immigration wars that have seen the Obama administration grant leniency to young people brought into the country illegally as children even as a number of states have sought to crack down on illegal immigrants within their borders.

Last year, California signed into a law a bill dubbed the California Dream Act that allows illegal immigrants to receive privately funded scholarships to attend the state's public colleges and universities after attending at least three years of high school in the state.

Critics say the California Dream Act gives illegal immigrants a false promise because their status will not change after graduating from college and they will remain unable to find legal employment.

But that reality may well be shifting. President Barack Obama will push for comprehensive immigration reform during his second presidential term, his spokesman said in November. REUTERS

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▶ Berkeley's scholarship grant is the largest ever for undocumented immigrants.

In the news

Fewer women associates at law firms

The percentage of female associates at law firms fell for the third straight year, even as women made gains in becoming partners, according to a survey by NALP, formerly known as The National Association for Law Placement.

NALP's 2012 survey found that 32.67 percent of the lawyers at 1,209 offices across the U.S. are women. In 2009, the percentage of women was 32.97 percent. Women comprised 19.91 percent of the firms' partners, up from 19.21 percent in 2009.

"While the percentage of women partners, small as it is, has continued to grow, that incremental growth will likely become unsustainable if the percentage of women associates continues to inch downward," James Leipold, NALP's executive director, said in a statement.
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Rethinking remedial classes

New study on community colleges finds that basic skills classes are lacking and suggests specialized certification for teachers Students tested, but don't apply skills in real world

Longtime Berkeley professor W. Norton Grubb is one of the leading researchers of the community college system. His latest study, "Basic Skills Education in Community Colleges: Inside and Outside of Classrooms," took more than three years to complete and led him to 20 California community colleges and 180 classrooms.

It is, perhaps, the most comprehensive portrait to date of the current state of remedial education.

But his findings may be somewhat disheartening to both teachers and students alike. Grubb was shocked to discover that most professors were clinging to an outdated approach to teaching basic math, reading and writing.

"The dominant form of teaching in these classes is this:

STOCKBYTE

▶ Students in remedial classes are tested plenty, but don't have the chance to apply skills outside the classroom, Grubb says.

"The teaching is often totally decontextualized. There's no application to anything outside the classroom. It's just these freestanding exercises." GRUBB

Drill and practice on small subskills without ever getting to the larger competencies that are really important," says Grubb. "The teaching is often totally decontextualized. There's no application to anything outside the classroom. It's just these freestanding exercises. So the students can't see the relevance to the world outside the classroom."

Although teachers often readily admitted this was not the best method, Grubb found they typically struggled to shift to modern techniques. Various forms of professional development already exist for these professors, but Grubb advocates for a thorough basic skills teacher certification process.

"This idea is not popular in higher education. But it's the pattern in K-12 education: People need to have certificates before they can start in the classroom," he explains. "With very few exceptions, that's not true in higher education, because they want to distinguish themselves from K-12."

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Education in brief

Riddle us this, Swarthmore

WARNER BROS.

▶ Sorry, Gollum — no hobbit snacks this time.

There are many battles in "The Hobbit" — including a battle of wits between hero Bilbo Baggins and the creepy Gollum. Each in the pair tells the other riddles; if Gollum wins, he'll eat Bilbo — but if Bilbo wins, Gollum has to show him the way out of the goblin caves where he's lost.

The riddles are poems that use a combination of symbolic and descriptive language to hint at the answers. The film, which opened Friday, uses the riddles Tolkien wrote for the book, but promoters wanted more to put on the movie's website. One person they turned to was Swarthmore professor of English literature Craig Williamson, head of the college's medieval studies program. Williamson, an expert on these Old English riddles, wrote 16 new ones for the website. A good riddle, he says, isn't necessarily a difficult one — the quality of the poem also counts.

"Some riddles can be lovely, even if they're easy," Williamson says.

JUDY WEIGHTMAN

On the move

When Benjamin Franklin founded the school that would become the University of Pennsylvania in 1749, it was housed at Fourth and Arch in Old City.

It didn't move to its current home in West Philadelphia until 1872. The university has acquired other land since then, including a 35-acre plot between the main campus and the Schuylkill River in 2007.

Penn has big plans for new lands

The challenge for an urban university is finding room for expanding programs and changing needs when its campus is surrounded on all sides. The University of Pennsylvania has taken a bold leap to deal with the problem — jumping across the Schuylkill River to buy a 23-acre site in Grays Ferry.

The university bought the South Bank parcel from DuPont for $13 million. It will house noncore administrative functions and ancillary services.

RIKARD LARMA

"The first thing we moved over was parking for our buses and vans," says Craig Carnaroli, executive vice president at Penn. "That wasn't why we bought [the site], but we were glad to free up the space." The former space, at 32nd and Walnut, will become the Singh Center for Nanotechnology.

The university also plans to consolidate its computer servers into a single data center there and to create a joint Penn-Drexel emergency preparedness center. "The site has the capacity for expansion in ways that can help the mission and economies of running the university," says Carnaroli.

In addition, the university is marketing to outside companies that could benefit from South Bank's convenient location.

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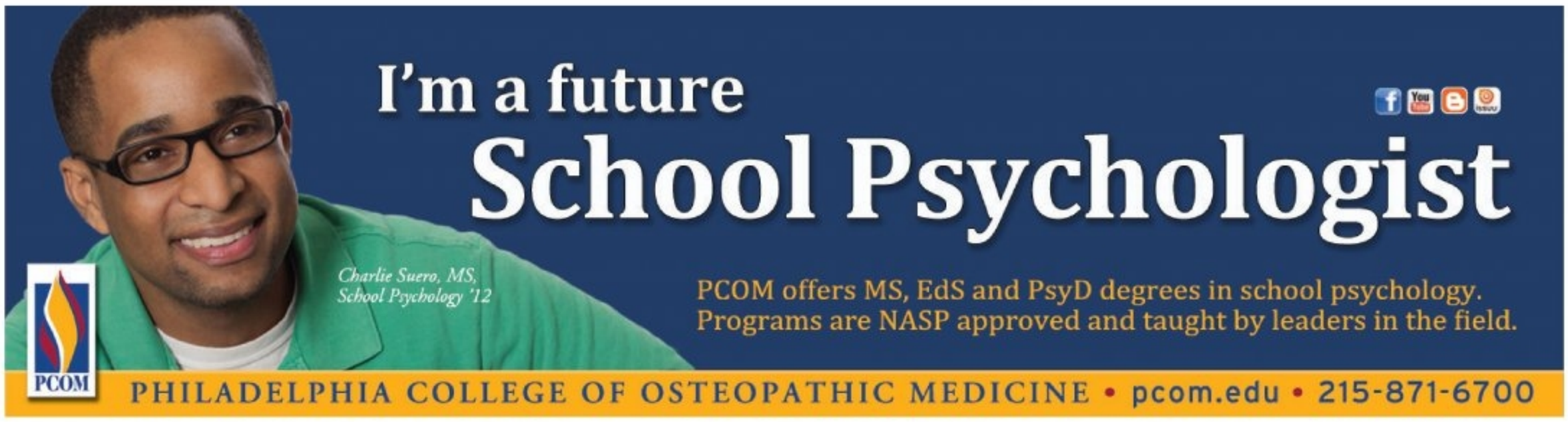
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▶ The Barnes was worth the wait.

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All week long, Metro will be highlighting our selections of the city's best — from bars to salons to dance parties — of 2012. Check back tomorrow for our picks in retail and fashion.

The dance party that's most likely to be guest-DJed by your favorite DJ's favorite DJ:

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Philly's longest-running dance night offers up a fresh spin on classics from hip-hop's golden age. The monthly celebration is hosted by some of Philly's freshest DJs — Mike Nyce, Rich Medina and ?uestlove, when he's in town — and features appearances by their famous friends. Past guests have included Jazzy Jeff, 9th Wonder, Biz Markie and Q-Tip. Drink specials are plentiful, ladies are free before 11 and no one will judge you when you're four shots in and busting out your most ridiculous moves. Three words make the party even sweeter: no dress code.
Every first Saturday at Fluid Night Club, 613 S. Fourth St.

Best place to see a basement show without worrying about an underage drinking bust:

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This cavernous, 12,000-square-foot venue beneath a converted toy factory in the up-and-coming Loft District — fondly known as the Eraserhood — has all the rebel-without-a-cause ambiance of a West Philly basement show with a full (and legal) bar. Offerings are eclectic, ranging from cabarets, spoken word, comedy nights and theater collective musicals about the dangers of fracking to music of all genres, and the door fee is generally $10 or less.
340 N. 12th St., www.undergroundarts.org

Best place to rub elbows with a real-life poker pro:

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Not too long ago, the best poker sharks around camped out in Atlantic City or Las Vegas and waited for the little guppies to swim their way. Not anymore. Now home-game heroes and regular Joes can stop by after work and go toe to toe with the grinders. Wade into the water carefully.
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▶ Gravy Studio carved out an usual gallery space in Fishtown.

PAIGE OZAROWSKI

Best place to smash a beer can against your forehead and fit right in:

Cavanaugh's River Deck
Don't just sit at home and daydream about nights spent fist-pumping with the crew from "Jersey Shore." Get your Ronnie on at the banks of the Delaware River, just minutes from home. Grinding is mandatory.
417 N. Columbus Blvd., 215-629-7400, www.theriverdeck.com

Best street for live performance:

Sansom Street
InterAct Theatre Company and the Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre have been holding court on Sansom for decades. Slowly but surely, more venues have moved to Sansom, beginning in 2006 when the Helium Comedy Club opened near the 20th Street intersection. Since then, InterAct has added the intimate Sky Box theater venue on the third floor of their complex. But the most drastic Sansom influx came a year ago on the 1600 block: Azuka Theatre, Mauckingbird Theatre Co., Brat Productions, 11th Hour Theatre Co., EgoPo Classic Theatre and Inis Nua Theatre Co. joined forces to shepherd the new Off-Broad Street venue into the Philly scene.

Best place to see a Phillie at 2 a.m.:

Pen & Pencil Club
The only place you can slam down shots with Chase Utley and ogle a shirtless Pat Burrell.
1522 Latimer St., 215-731-9909, www.penandpencil.org

Best incidental helicopters in a gallery:

Gravy Studio
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MURAL ARTS

▶ The Mural Arts Program has this city's walls covered.

▶ The National Constitution Center rocked out in 2012.

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mingle with motorcycle nerds (and both parties' dogs) under a canopy of truly frightening looking vintage helicopters, and everyone goes home a little more interesting and interested.
2212 Sepviva St., www.gravystudio.blogspot.com

Best reason to take it upstairs:

Kung Fu Necktie
No offense to their downstairs bar and venue, but the second floor of Kung Fu Necktie is the fastest way to feel young and in love again. It's too damn loud, the bar is set up in what used to be some unfortunate tenant's kitchen and the windows are downright steamy — which is actually a plus, considering the view is the underside of the El. You're going to feel awesome, and you're going to pay for it tomorrow.
1250 N. Front St., 215-291-4919, www.kungfunecktie.com

Best news for the Parkway:

The Barnes Foundation
After years of bickering, rumors and all-out media fights, The Barnes Foundation finally high-tailed it out of Lower Merion and opened its new digs on the Parkway. And as sick as we were of hearing about all things Barnes, we have to admit it: The place is a world-class swankfest. An inspired layout makes the most of the storied collection, now easily accessible on the long-hungry Parkway.
2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., 215-278-7000, www.barnesfoundation.org

Best news for the waterfront:

Morgan's Pier
As the Barnes propped up the Parkway, Morgan's Pier was a godsend for our other oddly underused strip of prime real estate, Delaware Avenue. The perfect mix of serious tiki party and serious live music venue, its kitchen turns out some of the better food you'll eat along Philly's waterfront. High fives all around.
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Arts organization with the most hustle:

Mural Arts Program
Philly has its fair share of "Yeah, really?" murals — but the Mural Arts Program isn't behind those. They're behind the gorgeous Love Letter series, the inspired Philly Painting initiative and the Roots Mural Project. When they're not giving this town a much-needed fresh coat of paint, the country's largest public arts program is hosting community workshops, leading tours and scouting their next potential canvas.
www.muralarts.org

Best job keeping history fresh:

The National Constitution Center
A place called The National Constitution Center really has no business being interesting to the majority of us. But with exhibits on both Bruce Springsteen and Prohibition in 2012, they attracted a whole new crowd to the gorgeous Old City museum — and maybe even taught us a little something about the Constitution in the process.
525 Arch St., 215-409-6600, www.constitutioncenter.org

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@HackedOffHugh
Taking gooner nephew to Emirates. Thanks to all Walcotts. Will try not to start ruck.

@ZacharyQuinto
lately been feeling like the disgruntled child of divorced parents twitter and instagram. pull it together you guys. this is embarrassing.

@Joan_Rivers
I love celebrity Christmas carols. in Jessica Simpson's house they'll stand around the piano singing, "I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus."

The big ol' babies of 2012

The past few days have been rough news-wise, so I'm going to dedicate today's column to some of the biggest celebrity babies who made their appearance this year. That's right: lots and lots of adorable, innocent, cute babies!

Who: Blue Ivy Carter
Parents: Beyonce and Jay-Z
Given the media attention surrounding the birth of Blue Ivy, it's pretty surprising the world didn't tip off its axis when she came into the world on Jan. 7.

Who: Samuel Affleck
Parents: Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck
The movie star duo welcomed its first son on Feb. 27. Not much is known about baby Sam, other than he'll probably be ridiculously good-looking and talented.

Who: Jack Pratt
Parents: Anna Farris and Chris Pratt
Not a lot of fanfare was made about baby Jack's somewhat premature appearance on Aug. 25. Instead of appearing on any magazine covers to showboat the news, new dad Chris Pratt tweeted this message to his followers: "It's a boy! Thanks for all your kind words. In lieu of gifts we ask that you mouth kiss a stranger."

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▶ Look! Famous baby toesies!

Who: Edward Duke Rancic
Parents: Giuliana and Bill Rancic
After years of unsuccessful IVF treatments and a miscarriage and then a breast cancer diagnosis, the Rancic family finally had a bit of good news: Their baby Edward Duke was born via a gestational carrier on Aug. 29.

Who: Tennessee Toth
Parents: Reese Witherspoon and Jim Toth
The baby, whose name still sounds like a brand of whiskey to me, was born on Sept. 27.

Who: Maxwell Johnson
Parents: Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson
After following the longest pregnancy known to man, Simpson finally birthed baby Maxi on May 1. And now she's allegedly pregnant again. That, or maybe she's just constantly gestating.

The first Simpson bump — not to be confused with her current one

Coming attractions for 2013

There will be more celebrity babies in 2013, including one from Channing Tatum and his wife Jenna Dewan-Tatum. It was just announced yesterday the two are expecting. And, of course, the royal baby (babies?) will (hopefully) be making his or her (or their!) appearance in 2013, as will one from Jenna Bush and husband Henry Hager. Babies!

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Saturday rocked around the world

1: Hugh Jackman and **Anne Hathaway** attended a special screening and Q&A of "Les Miserables" in Beverly Hills.

2: Are they going to eat one another? **Lady Gaga** performed with **The Rolling Stones** at the Prudential Center in Newark.

3: Carey Mulligan and **Mamie Gummer** were guests at a dinner for the Alzheimer's Society in Gstaad, Switzerland.

4: Stevie Wonder (sans moustache) performed during his 17th annual House Full Of Toys Concert in Los Angeles.

5: Leona Lewis sang at the Free Radio Live gig at LG Arena in Birmingham, England.

6: Big Boi performed at The Pool After Dark at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City

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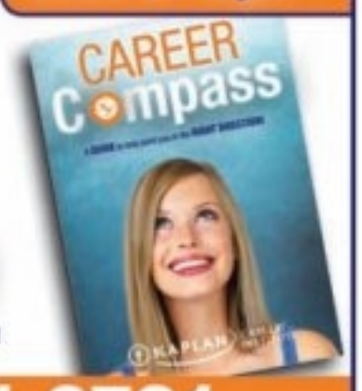

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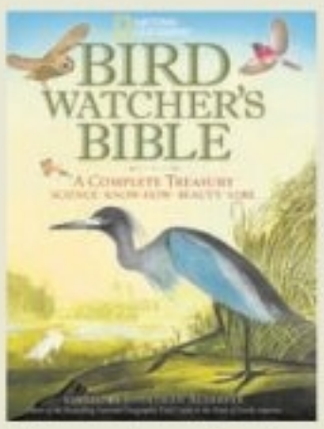
Books for the randoms

Gifts for close family members are easy to buy But what about that cousin you haven't seen in three years? Or your brother's latest flame? There's a book for every question mark on your shopping list

For the aunt who loves animals

'The Big New Yorker Book of Dogs'
Foreword by Malcolm Gladwell
This excellent, handsome and hefty compendium of all things canine (cartoons, essays, poems, humor pieces and more) is culled from the famed magazine's archives.

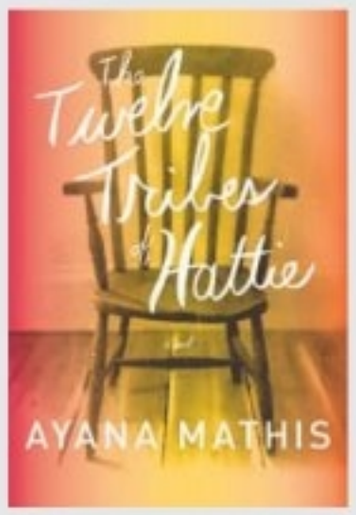


The nature-loving father-in-law

'Bird Watcher's Bible: A Complete Treasury'
Edited by Jonathan Alderfer
Even for nonbirders, the "Bird Watcher's Bible" is a surprisingly readable and interesting collection of interesting bird facts, how-to hints, folklore and history. The beautiful illustrations are a treat to gaze upon.

Your brother's new girlfriend

'The Twelve Tribes of Hattie'
by Ayana Mathis
Don't know anything about this strange newbie who will be attending Christmas dinner with your family? Don't despair: "The Twelve Tribes of Hattie" is Oprah's new book club book, meaning it's a book she'll be familiar with — after all, everyone knows Oprah. (And if she doesn't, there's a problem.)



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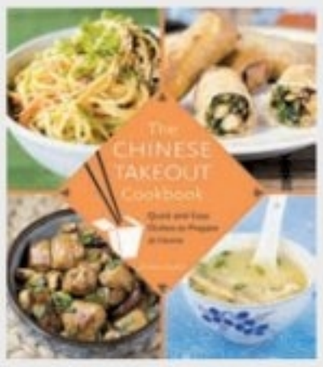
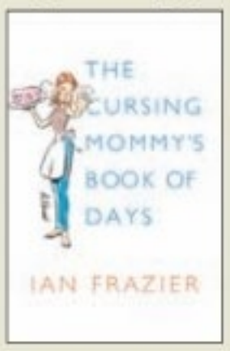


That one cousin you know nothing about

'The Chinese Takeout Cookbook'
By Diana Kuan
Everyone eats Chinese food. But you can't wrap up General Tso's and put it under a tree. "The Chinese Takeout Cookbook" is full of recipes that anyone can whip up, even if you're unsure of your cousin's cooking ability — or name.

The fun mother-in-law

'The Cursing Mommy's Book of Days'
by Ian Frazier
This hilarious "diary" written in the voice of a frazzled, tipsy woman, known as the Cursing Mommy, will be an apt gift for any family member who has a sense of humor — or a slight cursing problem.



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TV watch list

TYLER GOLDEN/NBC

▶ From left: Terry McDermott, Cassadee Pope and Nicholas David are the finalists on "The Voice."

'The Voice'

REALITY. America unceremoniously sends one singer home, while you better believe mentor judges Christina Aguilera and Cee Lo Green will get a fireworks display of a farewell as they temporarily leave the show to promote a new album (Xtina) and work on a sitcom for NBC ("The Lady Killer"). Oh, yeah — and a Season 3 winner will be announced! Terry McDermott, Cassadee Pope and Nicholas David vie for that $100,000 recording contract. **Season finale, 9 p.m., NBC**

'Ramsay's Christmas Cookalong'

SPECIAL. The only donkeys in this culinary-themed Christmas special hosted by hot-tempered "Hell's Kitchen" star Gordon Ramsay are the ones in the manger scene — not in his kitchen, for a change. **10 p.m., BBC America**

'Mankind: The Story of Us'

DOCUMENTARY. As man conquers new frontiers in the 19th and 20th centuries, war and devastating effects on the environment are results. Will humans survive? Guess you have to watch! **Season finale, 9 p.m., History Channel**

'NCIS: Los Angeles'

DRAMA. Spending Christmas at headquarters is at least better than spending Christmas on an aircraft carrier investigating the death of a fellow NCIS special agent, right? **9 p.m., CBS**

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Party hair in minutes

When you don't have time to hit the salon, take matters into your own hands This elegant side-swept chignon is beginner-friendly and doesn't mind getting messy

Sometimes you just can't make it in to a salon before a party, but your dress begs for a more exciting look than your everyday blowout. This romantic, side-swept bun will do the trick for all your fancy events and even looks better as it gets messier. Emma Heser, senior stylist at Cutler/Redken salon, promised us that we can whip together the style in less than 10 minutes. She shows us how.

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Heser's instructions

1. **Spray dry shampoo and massage it into your hair with your fingers to create texture.** "This will prevent hair pins from slipping out and give your hair a little boost so it doesn't look limp," says Heser.
2. **Section your hair.** Working from the nape to the crown, backcomb each section. To do this, start a few inches away from the scalp and tease hair toward the scalp. Don't backcomb along your part.
3. **Create your part.**
4. **Pull your hair back like you would a low ponytail — but don't use a brush.** Grab hair loosely with your fingers to keep the texture.
5. **Bring your hair around to one side by your ear and loosely twist it into a bun shape.** Tuck the ends under.
6. **Insert a pin into the bun and hook it in.** Add more pins around the bun until you feel it's secure, about four.
7. **Add a few pins in to neaten any hair that pokes out, though a little messiness looks better.** "It's more fun and less contrived," says Heser.
8. **Spray with medium-hold hair spray.** For the front, stick your fingers into the hair and then spray — this will keep the dreamy lift and ridges in your 'do. Now you're ready to throw on a dress and roll.

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Put blended family drama on ice this holiday season

For step-families, holidays are simultaneously the most exciting and most stressful time of the year

Metro's tips on assuring that time is shared fairly for everyone

The calendar for the holiday season fills up fast, both with festive gatherings and all the preparations for them. It can be challenging to find time for everything — and when you're dealing with the conflicting demands that come with today's blended families, those challenges can seem insurmountable.

In order to make sure both you and your ex feel that time is shared fairly, you have to start with figuring out what "fair" means to everyone involved, says Katie Dunleavy, assistant professor of communication at La Salle University.

"Don't ask children to decide who they want to spend time with. It puts way too much pressure on them. This can lead to feelings of guilt for younger children; older children may use it as an excuse to disconnect with the family as a whole."
KATIE DUNLEAVY

"Is 'fairness' about dividing holiday time equally, or are particular events more important to one parent or the other?" she asks. For instance, if one parent's family tradition is that Christmas Eve dinner is the highlight of the holiday, he or she might be fine with not seeing the kids at all on Christmas Day. For others, dividing the day in half may feel fair.

Dunleavy stresses the importance of talking honestly with your ex about how you're feeling. "It is likely that there will be feelings of guilt, loneliness and possibly annoyance when making decisions about spending time with family members on holidays," she says. "Acknowledging these feelings to others won't eliminate the problem, but it will alleviate some of the emotions attached."

What if there is an event that both parents want to attend, like a school play or a religious service? Dunleavy says they should put aside their conflicts for the length of the event. "As the children grow up, there will be future events — graduations, weddings — that require that both parents be in same vicinity and share in the celebration."

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Whiteface Lake Placid

www.whiteface.com

The Adirondacks are host to Whiteface Lake Placid — the highest ski mountain in the east (4,867 feet), featuring the greatest vertical drop in the east (3,430 feet). Of the 86 trails comprising 283 acres, you can ski the very ones that racers did during the 1980 Olympics — and because nearby Lake Placid still has its sports and ski jumping complexes intact, you can check those out as well (or use your afternoon to go tubing or ice skating). Take a breather from the slopes at Lake Placid's cozy eateries and outlet shops, and before you leave the city do a lap around the frozen Mirror Lake in a dogsled.

Day rates: Adults: $84, teens/seniors: $69, junior: $55, 70+: $38

Deals: Buy two days of skiing and two days of lodging and get the third day and night free. Fourth and fifth day/night free packages are also available. On Wednesdays, present any unopened Coca-Cola product at the Whiteface ticket office and get a lift ticket for $42.

Ski West Mountain

www.skiwestmountain.com

Forty-five minutes north of Albany, Ski West Mountain has 40 trails and a six-lane snow tubing park — one chute is 1,000 feet long with a 100-foot vertical drop. Just stopping by? A two-hour lift ticket is $27.

Day rates: Weekdays/nonholidays (eight hours): Adults/teens: $42, youth/college/military: $37, seniors: $20, 70+: $5

Weekends/holidays (eight hours): Adults: $52, teens/youth: $32, college/military: $49, seniors: $39, 70+: $5

Deals: The Learn to Ski 3 package for newbie skiers gets you three lessons, three equipment rentals and three lift tickets for $99. In January, the deal drops to just $25.

Gore Mountain

www.goremountain.com

The most terrain in New York State is at Gore, which has four summits and trails facing north, east and south. Ski Magazine recently voted it a top 10 in the easy for value, lifts and overall satisfaction.

Day rates: Monday-Wednesday, nonholiday: Adults: $59, teens/seniors: $49, juniors: $35

Thursday-Sunday, nonholidays: Adults: $75, teens/seniors: $59, juniors: $40

Deals: Jan. 7-13's Take Your Kids to Gore Week means that sons and daughters 19 and under ski, ride and tube for free with a full-paid parent. Like Whiteface, Gore Mountain also participates in the Wednesday Coca-Cola promotion.

Hunter Mountain

The Northern Catskills spot has added two new gladed trails this season. Three separate mountains mean plenty of options for beginner skiers.

Day rate: Midweek: Adults, $60, young adults (13-18), $54, juniors (7-12), $39, seniors, $39, 70+, $15, toddlers (6 and under), $10

Weekends/holidays: Adults, $70, young adults (13-18), $63, juniors (7-12), $48, seniors, $48, 70+, $20, toddlers (6 and under), free

Deals: Prepurchase your lift tickets and rental gear at Hunter Mountain's eSki store to save up to 50 percent.

Must-see

Windham Mountain

www.windhammountain.com

Here is where you'll find the most snowmaking within a 200-mile radius of Central Park. There are 49 total trails, five terrain parks, plus tubing and an ice rink — all in the quaint town of Windham.

Day rates: Weekdays/nonholidays: Adults: $52, young adults (13-17): $45, juniors: $37

Weekends/holidays: Adults: $72, young adults (13-17): $65, juniors: $58

Deals: During the mountain's College Week (Jan. 7-11), Windham is offering $25 lift tickets for students with valid ID.

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More deals

- January is Learn to Ski and Snowboard month in New York, and many mountains are offering deals. Book before Jan. 9 at **www.iskiny.com**.
- Set aside Jan. 10 to hit the slopes: The Ski Areas of New York are offering 10,000 lift tickets for just $10 each that day.
- The Catskill's Winter Sampling Card is a season pass lift ticket to four mountains in the region — Windham, Hunter, Belleayre and Platekill — for $199.
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The times are a-changin' — so must gun control

If Adam Lanza had walked into the Newtown elementary school with a machete or a baseball bat or a bow and arrow, he could not have caused the destruction of human life which he did with an assault rifle. I believe we will learn that he discharged hundreds of rounds in his spree.

Experience has taught us that people like Lanza exist and that they are difficult to detect. But we have to see that our national posture toward availability of guns has a significant affect on the destruction these kinds of people can cause.

This posture seems to be a presumption that persons can only be denied access to guns for cause. This is based on the constitutional notion of maintaining a militia. I would suggest that we should reverse this presumption and assume that a person be granted access to guns only for significant cause. A claimant would have to show that he or she is eminently qualified for the position of militia before being granted the opportunity to possess a gun and overwhelmingly and peculiarly qualified to be the possessor of several guns.

At Virginia Tech and the Aurora, Colo., 30 to 50 people were shot. If the shooter had access only to a switch blade, the statistic would have been radically different.

PAUL KELLEN, VIA E-MAIL

After the tragedy in Newtown, Conn., enough is enough. The list of rationalizations for these heinous acts grows ever longer: bullied in school, addiction, unrequited love, personality disorder, overbearing parents, abuse as a child, job loss, bigotry and more. Sadly, too many Americans believe: We will fear no evil because we have guns in our homes. But the perpetrator of the next horrendous act might be there, also. **GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL**

As a substitute teacher, I am aware that the joy of seeing the "Ah ha!" moment will remain my joy of teaching, but I am painfully aware that the safety of students is not based on the "fire drill" that I grew up with. Sadly, we now have the "lockdown." Times have changed, and now is the "Selma" of our times. Now is the time to change: how we deal with gun control and the rights of the Second Amendment; how we deal with mental health and the right to get help without shame; how we deal with the balanced budget and the right of our troubled citizens to have mental health care; how we as a society deal with this tragedy and keep our right to be safe and well. In 1965, voting rights policy changed with the lives lost in Selma, Ala.; in 2012, let gun control and mental health policies change with the lives lost in Newtown, Conn. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face ... we must do that which we think we cannot." We must change our policies for the sake of our children and generations to come. I demand that history show when the time came, when events changed everything — especially for our children — that we changed.

JANICE WINSTON, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** For reasons over which they'll have no control, the people whom you depend on might fail you. Your objective might be harder to reach on your own, but you'll handle it.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You might have to guard against doing things in half measures, but once you realize the stakes at play, hesitation won't be a problem.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you're not careful, you might be a trifle extravagant with your resources. This is acceptable, provided you aren't equally as generous with someone else's money.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** There is nothing wrong with having some fun and enjoying yourself, as long as you don't treat serious matters lightly — especially those pertaining to your career.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Be careful about what you tell others — because if you reveal the wrong things to the wrong person, instead of unburdening yourself it will create more trouble.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Be positive and build up your hopes, but also be realistic. If you aren't, all you'll do is make more misery for yourself. Don't use your imagination as an instrument of disappointment.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Something you thought to be shoo-in could prove far more difficult to pull off than anticipated. This can be an extremely rewarding day for you if you don't take anything for granted and put in the work.

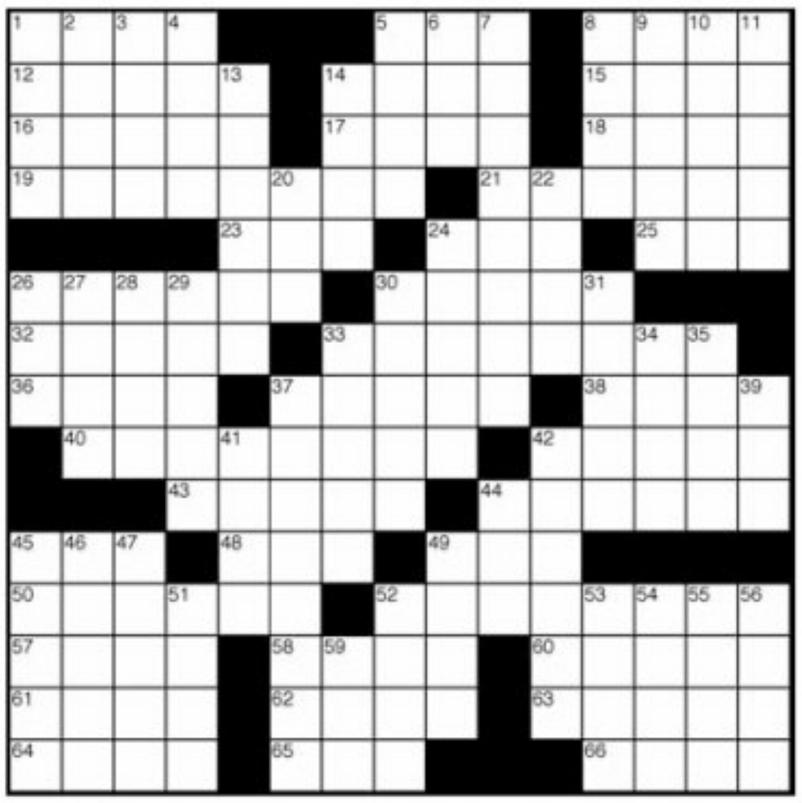
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You don't want to hurt anybody's feelings, naturally, but it might be far kinder to be forthright instead of painting a rosy picture that leads to false expectations.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Certain commercial matters could prove to be far more complicated than they appear, so be prepared for anything. If you're cautions and prudent, you should do just fine.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you start seeking an easy out, you might find only difficulty. By trying to duck challenges, you might only create more.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Usually, you're the type of person who likes to think a few steps ahead of the game. Keep it up, as careful forethought will be vital.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Your reasoning regarding a joint matter is likely to be a shade sounder than that of your counterpart. Listen to his or her views, because one could be good — but don't discount your judgment. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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A SHOCKING NEW TWIST TO ANDY'S SAGA

The story has been hanging over the Eagles all season, those 19 vials of unknown substance found in the room of the late Garrett Reid at Eagles camp. Yesterday, when the mystery was solved, it only raised a whole new series of ominous questions.

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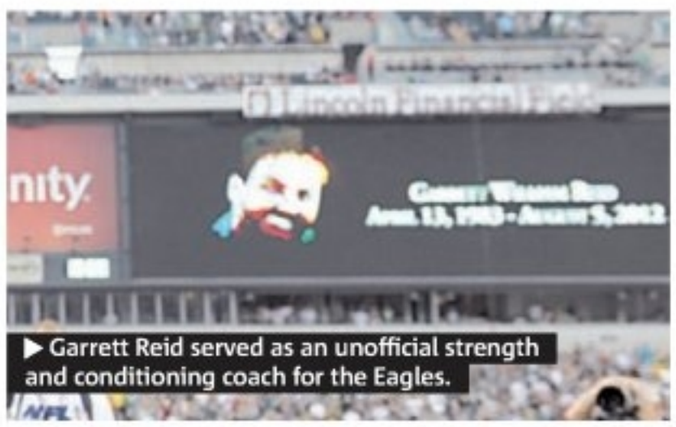

▶ Garrett Reid served as an unofficial strength and conditioning coach for the Eagles.

While working as a volunteer on the strength and conditioning staff, the son of coach Andy Reid had 19 vials of steroids, 64 needles and 47 syringes in his dorm room at Lehigh University. According to an investigation by the Northampton County District Attorney's office, there was no evidence that Garrett was supplying any players with the drug.

But there is also no indication that he was taking them himself. Remember, Garrett died of a heroin overdose. The toxicology reports showed nothing about steroids, including testosterone and other strength enhancers, also being in his system.

So where were the steroids going? If they weren't intended for the players, what were they doing there? And why did no one find out until yesterday that the vials contained steroids? Since it wouldn't normally take five months to make that determination, was there a cover-up?

Quoted

The coach has already lost his son, and he is about to lose his job. That seems sufficient punishment.

Andy Reid, already embattled during a 4-10 season riddled with controversy, said in a statement that he was "confident that my son's decisions did not affect our football team in any way," but he acknowledged that the new revelations may be causing "adverse appearances" for the team.

Under different circumstances, it would be easy to condemn Reid for this stunning development. It would be reasonable to vilify him for bringing the problems in his family onto his team. It would not even be farfetched to call for his firing because of yet another example of terrible judgment.

But the coach has already lost his son, and he is about to lose his job. That seems sufficient punishment for a father who was only trying to rescue his son from one of the worst nightmares imaginable, doesn't it? Now, the Eagles' organization has the responsibility to clean up this mess. If there is any leadership left after this season of relentless failure, it must step forward.

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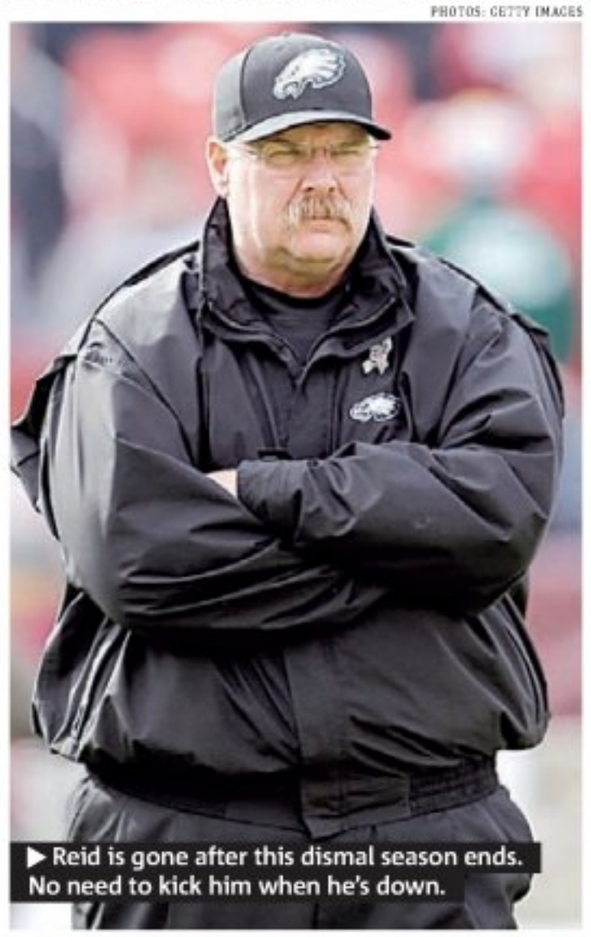

▶ Reid is gone after this dismal season ends. No need to kick him when he's down.

First, the Eagles need to undertake an internal investigation to determine why those steroids were in that room. Then they need to find out whether Garrett Reid was supplying any players. Owner Jeff Lurie emerged from his self-imposed media cocoon yesterday to proclaim that no Eagles have tested positive for steroids this season, but he ventured no guesses as to what those drugs were doing there.

The final question that will be answered only by the passage of time is what this latest bombshell will do to Andy Reid's legacy. The coach with the most wins in Eagles history will be leaving soon, but the shocking nature of his final season will linger for many years to come.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.*

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Foles critics need to calm down, please

Opinion

Brian Billick won a Super Bowl in 2001 with Trent Dilfer as quarterback, so he has a pretty good idea of what it takes to be the best team in the NFL. And the former Baltimore coach offered some advice to the critics of Nick Foles: Calm down.

After an unimpressive effort in a brutal 34-13 Eagles' loss to Cincinnati, the knee-jerk analysis was that Foles doesn't have a strong enough arm to join the elite at his position. The alarmists are basing that conclusion on one bad throw that landed in the hands of Leon Harris at least 15 yards short of its intended destination.

Foles' explanation that he didn't get his legs behind the ball because he had just dodged the pass rush did nothing to cool off the naysayers. Nowadays, a single bad throw is all it takes to morph into Bobby Hoying, even if it comes after one of the greatest single-game comebacks by a rookie quarterback in Eagles history.

Billick, a regular guest on my WIP radio show, chuckled at the suggestion Foles doesn't have the arm to succeed. The coach put arm strength as "fourth or fifth" on the list of attributes for NFL quarterbacks. He cited Joe Montana and yes, Dilfer, as players who won big without a cannon.

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▶ Foles

The most important thing for a winning quarterback, Billick said, is the ability to lead a team — to make the players around him better and to function most effectively under pressure. After busts at leadership like Donovan McNabb, Kevin Kolb and Mike Vick, haven't we figured this out yet?

Nick Foles has a chance to be very good, maybe even great. He is a leader. Now take Brian Billick's advice, please. Calm down. ANGELO CATALDI

Idle thoughts from Angelo Cataldi ...

1 Got to go. The 34-13 national embarrassment vs. Cincinnati was the 100th loss of Andy Reid's tenure as Eagles coach. And for the 100th time, Reid took "full responsibility" and said he had to "do a better job." At this point, he doesn't have to do a better job; he has to find one.

2 April showers. Is it asking too much for Eagles special teams coach Bobby April to make sure 11 players are on the field for punts and field goals? Marty Mornhinweg, Juan Castillo and Todd Bowles have been dreadful coordinators, but no one has been more inept than April.

3 He can do no wrong. Roger Goodell appointed his predecessor, Paul Tagliabue, as the arbiter in Bountygate, then ripped the decision to vacate player suspensions. This proved two things: Tagliabue was a far superior commissioner, and Goodell will never admit when he's wrong.

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Amaro having offseason for the ages

The Phillies are a much better team than they were last season. They should contend for the division title against Washington and Atlanta.

Finally, somebody said it. Finally, somebody spoke the truth about this offseason and about the different strategy being used — with impressive results — by GM Ruben Amaro Jr. No, there are no new big names on the roster (no Josh Hamilton; no Zack Greinke) but Amaro is filling the holes quietly and methodically with significant upgrades.

Who would you rather have at third base, Placido Polanco or Michael Young? In center field, John Mayberry Jr. or Ben Revere? Eighth-inning reliever: Josh Lindblom or Mike Adams? Add those improvements to a full season for Chase Utley and Ryan Howard, the power potential of Darin Ruf in left and the three aces at the top of the rotation, and you have a 95-win team — at the very least.

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▶ Amaro traded for speedy center fielder Ben Revere instead of shelling out huge cash for Michael Bourn.

Love him or hate him, no GM in our recent history has been more aggressive in creating a roster than Amaro. Even this offseason, he tried a preemptive strike for Hamilton with a three-year, $80-million offer. Three years is plenty for a risky proposition like Hamilton. The other huge contracts are more likely to bring angst than a parade. A timid Greinke gets six years and $147 million? Insane.

As long as manager Charlie Manuel doesn't sabotage the team the way he did last year and injuries don't devastate the admittedly aging roster, the Phillies have one more championship run in them. You read it here first. ANGELO CATALDI

Holiday tests left foot, but may sit versus Mavericks

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▶ Holiday

Jrue Holiday took part in an aggressive shootaround yesterday as he looks to re-join the Sixers' starting lineup. The point guard has missed two straight games with a sprained left foot. Holiday will most likely be a game-time decision again tonight in Dallas.

"I have to talk to the trainers and see where I'm at," Holiday told reporters yesterday. "I tried to jump pretty hard, didn't really go up for lay-ups, shooting jumpers in shootaround. It doesn't bother me when I stand, more when I jump or try to make a cut."

Holiday admitted that he felt better than he did Sunday, when he sat against the Lakers. He also cautioned coming back too quickly, since playing with a bum wheel could cause problems down the road.

"It's my foot, and that's one of the reasons why I'm here. I mean, I need my foot to play," he said. METRO

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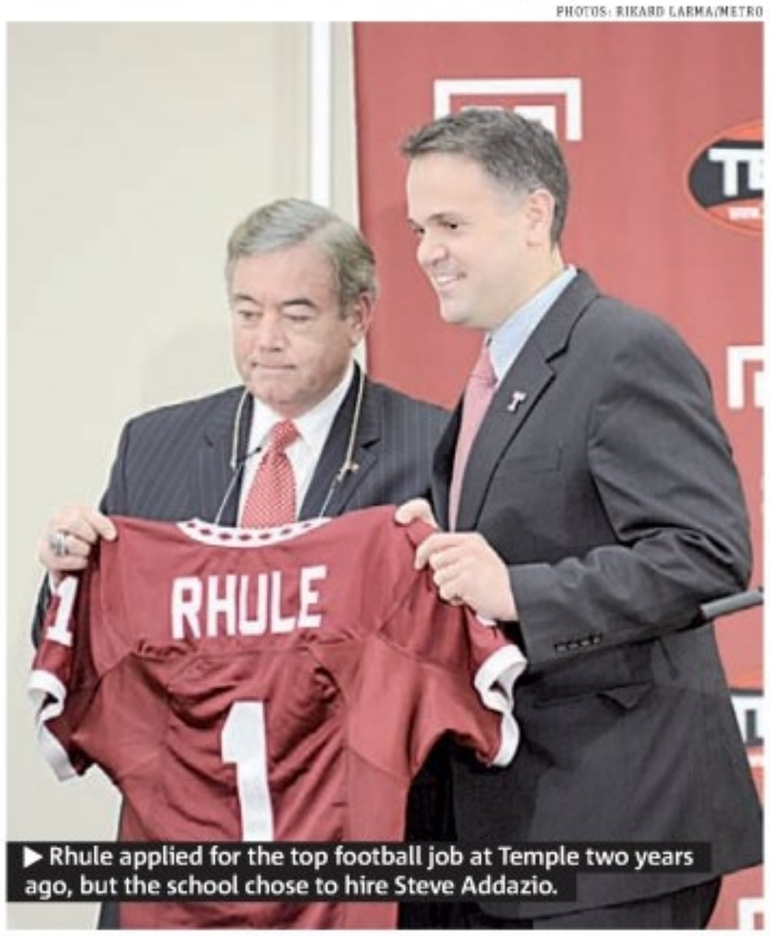

▶ Rhule applied for the top football job at Temple two years ago, but the school chose to hire Steve Addazio.

Like Jerry Maguire, Matt Rhule had them at "hello."

But unlike Tom Cruise's character, Temple's new coach is no con man. Over the course of an hour, the man who admitted he was not fully prepared when he applied for the job two years ago explained why the timing is perfect now.

And why now that he's back he plans to stick around.

"If you wish to be great at all, you must begin where you are and with what you are," said the 37-year-old Rhule, the overwhelming choice among former and current Owls players, as well as the administration. "He who would be great anywhere must first be great in his own Philadelphia."

Those aren't Rhule's words. They are from Temple founder Russell Conwell, yet he says they're just as applicable today as they were then.

"During this year I realize how much I want to be here," said Rhule, assistant offensive line coach with the Super Bowl-winning Giants, who will continue in that capacity through the end of the season. "In that moment I realized if this opportunity ever came up again I was not only going to apply for it, but fight for it.

"I will tell recruits [that] if it's in my power, I'm going to be here. I want to be here. I'll tell my players, 'I can't promise you much, but I promise you I'll give you the same commitment, trust and respect that we demand of you.'"

He'll also bring two additional years of decision-making and leadership, something he lacked at the time Steve Addazio was chosen over him. Rhule remains grateful that Addazio decided to keep him on as tight-ends coach and recruiting coordinator for a year.

"Steve looked at what was in place and decided to keep the infrastructure together," said Rhule. "I learned from that, and I learned from Tom Coughlin. This season has been like getting a Ph.D. in offensive football for me. I'm embarrassed at how much I didn't know."

Now it is Rhule's show, and he can't wait to get started.

In his case, it won't be "show me the money." Just show him those familiar cherry-and-white colors. He'll take it from there.

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▶ Rhule's wife, Julie, already works at Temple. His son, Bryant, was also present at yesterday's news conference.

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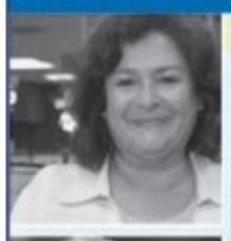

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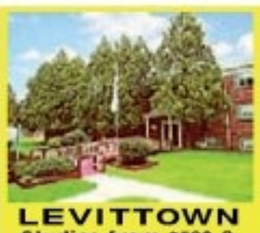

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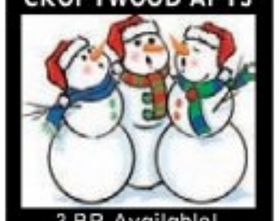

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Time of death 6:55pm.

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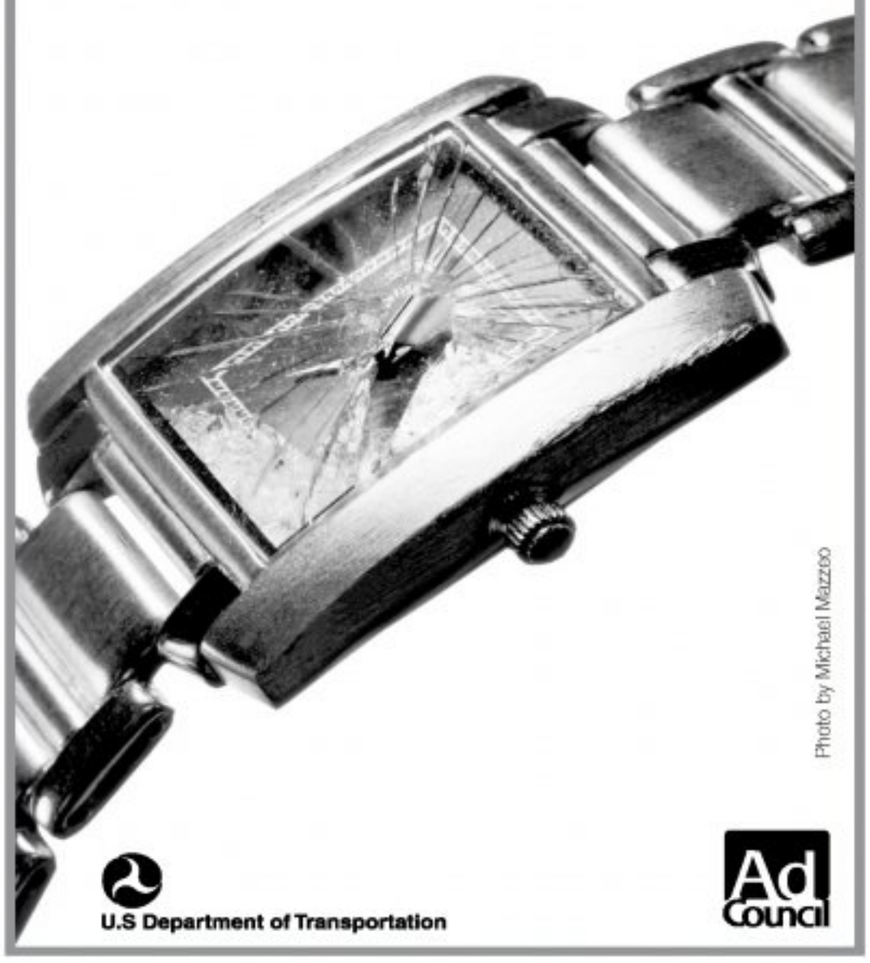

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